

Mr. Weatherford moved that the Senate adjourn until 7 o'clock, p. m.; lost.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, the Senate adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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SATURDAY, February 4, 1854.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Taylor, chairman of the committee on Public Debt, to whom was referred a bill to pay the public debt of the late Republic of Texas, for which the duties on imposts were specially pledged, reported the same back and asked to be discharged from its further consideration—the committee not having had time to consider its merits.

A bill to amend the 9th section of an act to regulate proceedings in the districts courts, passed on the 13th day of May, 1846; read third time and passed.

A bill to authorise the county courts to issue unconditional headright certificates where conditional certificates only have issued; read third time and passed.

A bill authorising the clerk of the county court of Navarro county to transcribe the book of marks and brands of said county; read, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, rule suspended, bill read third time and passed.

A bill to legalise the acts of Alexander Beaton, Notary Public of Navarro county; read, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, rule suspended, bill read third time and passed.

Mr. Hill introduced a bill to define the time of holding the district courts in the third judicial district; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Hill, rule suspended, bill read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Hill, rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

A bill supplemental to an act to incorporate the town of Carthage, in Panola county, approved January 19th, 1852; read, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Holland, rule suspended, bill read third time and passed.

A bill to incorporate the town of McKinney, in the county of Collin; read first time.

On motion of Mr. McDade, rule suspended, bill read second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. McDade, rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

A bill to change the name of Louisa Johnson, an infant daughter of William Johnson, of the county of Kaufman, to that of Louisa Boyd; read, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Hill, rule suspended, bill read third time and passed.

Joint resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress in relation to the claim of Cook and Lockwood; read, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Potter, rule suspended, bill read third time and passed.

Joint resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to effect an adjustment and modification of the act establishing the Northern boundary of the State of Texas, with report of the committee on Public Debt recommending its indefinite postponement; read, and report adopted.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed the following bills originating in the Senate:

A bill supplementary to an act concerning crimes and punishments, approved March 20th, 1848; and

A bill to provide for the cancellation of patents in certain cases.

A bill authorising and requiring the Adjutant General to issue a certificate for 2560 acres of land to the heirs of J. C. Logan, deceased; read, and on motion of Mr. Weatherford, laid on the table.

A bill to incorporate the Alma Female Institute; read, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Holland, rule suspended, bill read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Bryan, Durst, Gage, Guinn, Hill, Holland, Keenan, Kyle, Martin, McAnelly, Newman, Paschal, Pedigo, Potter, Scarborough, Scott, Sublett, Superviele, Taylor, Weatherford and Whitaker—22.

NAYS—None.

A bill to authorise the clerk of the county court of Milam county to transcribe certain records ; read, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Martin, rule suspended, bill read third time and passed.

A bill to change the name of Frederick Levy to that of William B. Stetton ; read, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Martin, rule suspended, bill read third time and passed.

A bill to incorporate the town of Columbus ; read, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, read third time and passed.

A bill to incorporate Thomas' Turnpike company; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, rule suspended, bill read second time and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed by the following vote :

YEAS--Messrs. Allen, Durst, Guinn, Holland, Keenan, Kyle, Lott, Martin, McAnelly, McDade, Paschal, Pedigo, Potter, Scarborough, Scott, Sublett, Superviele, Taylor, Weatherford and Whitaker--20.

NAYS--Messrs. Bryan and Newman--2.

A bill to incorporate the town of Corsicana ; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, rule suspended, bill read second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Martin, rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

A bill supplementary to an act to create the county of Trinity ; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, rule suspended, bill read second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Pedigo, rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

A bill authorising and requiring the Auditor and Comptroller to audit the claim of Jackson McFarland and James McFarland; read first time.

A bill authorising the chief justice of Galveston county to exercise the jurisdiction of a justice of the peace ; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Bryan, rule suspended, bill read second time, and passed to a third reading.

A bill to locate the seat of justice of the county of Robertson; read first time.

Mr. Allen, chairman of the Select committee to whom was referred a bill to reorganise the 16th judicial district, and defining the time of holding the courts therein, reported the same back and recommended its passage with the following amendment:

Amend 3d section, by striking out "Dallas and Tarrant," and inserting after "Denton," "In the county West of Denton, on the sixth Mondays after the first Mondays in March and October, and may continue in session one week; In the county West of Tarrant, on the seventh Mondays after the first Mondays of March and October, and may continue in session one week; in the county of Johnson, on the eighth Mondays after the first Mondays of March and October, and may continue in session one week; in the county of Collin, on the ninth Mondays after the first Mondays in March and October, and may continue in session until the business is disposed of."

On motion of Mr. Allen, rule suspended, and amendments adopted.

On motion of Mr. Weatherford, the bill was referred to a Select committee, with instructions to report a substitute this evening.

Messrs. Allen, Martin and Weatherford were appointed said committee.

A bill to incorporate the Gilmer and Sulphur Springs Railroad company; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Scott, rule suspended, bill read second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Newman, rule suspended, and bill read third time.

Mr. Kyle moved to amend by inserting "twenty" before "five," in section 14; lost.

The bill then passed by the following vote:

**YEAS**—Messrs. Allen, Durst, Hill, Keenan, Lott, Martin, McAnelly, McDade, Newman, Paschal, Pedigo, Potter, Scarborough, Scott, Sublett and Superviele—16.

**NAYS**—Messrs. Bryan, Guinn, Holland, Kyle, Taylor, Weatherford and Whitaker—8.

Mr. Whitaker, from the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following bills correctly engrossed:

A bill to incorporate the San Antonio Cemetery Association;

A bill to incorporate Hopkins Encampment, No. 7, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows;

A bill conferring power on county courts to establish quarantine regulations;

A bill to incorporate the Corpus Christi and Rio Grande Railroad company;

A bill granting the consent of the State of Texas to the United States to construct breakwaters, jetties, dams and other improvements on the coast of Texas; and

A bill for the relief of Joab B. Harrell, sheriff of Williamson county, and John A. Vernon, sheriff of Nueces county;

A bill supplemental to an act to regulate proceedings in the county courts, pertaining to estates of deceased persons, approved March 20th, 1848.

Mr. Guinn, from said committee, reported as correctly engrossed a bill to define the time of holding the district courts in the third judicial district.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, a bill to incorporate the Trinity River and Galveston Bay Dredging company, was taken up, read, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Keenan, rule suspended, and bill read third time.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the bill was amended, by striking out "high," wherever it occurs before "tide."

The bill then passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Bryan, Durst, Guinn, Hill, Holland, Keenan, Kyle, Lott, Martin, McAnelly, McDade, Newman, Paschal, Pedigo, Potter, Scarborough, Scott, Superviele and Weatherford—20.

NAYS—Messrs. Taylor and Whitaker—2.

On motion of Mr. Bryan, a bill making appropriations for the rivers of the State, with report of the committee on Internal Improvements recommending its rejection, taken up.

The following minority report from said committee was submitted:

The undersigned, members of the committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act making appropriations for the rivers of the State, respectfully differ with a majority of said committee for the reasons that they believe a judicious expenditure of the sums of money mentioned in the bill upon the principal rivers of the State would greatly improve their navigation, afford facilities for transportation to market for the immense produce of the interior of our country, and dependant alone upon these channels of conveyance. The amount proposed to be expended in these improvements is small, but the advantages are incalculable. The minority of your committee believe the bill should pass, but at the same time think some



amendments may be made to effect more certainly the object so much desired by many parts of our country.

1st. Amend 3d section, third line, by inserting after the word "bidder," "taking care, except in the case of Red River, first to let out that section embracing the mouth of the river, and next the section immediately above, and so on, until the amount appropriated shall be exhausted."

2d. Amendment.—Strike out the word "who," in third line, same section, and insert, "and such lowest bidder."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. G. KEENAN.

J. W. McDADE,

E. M. MILLICAN.

On motion of Mr. Whitaker, the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met—roll called—quorum present.

Mr. Durst called up a bill to relinquish the right of the State to a certain tract of land therein named; read, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Durst, rule suspended, bill read third time and passed—Mr. Gage voting in the negative.

Mr. Sublett, chairman on the part of the Senate of the joint committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

FEBRUARY 4, 1854.

Hon. D. C. DICKSON,

*President of the Senate:*

The joint committee upon Enrolled Bills have examined the following bills, to-wit: An act to repeal the first section of an act concerning juries, approved 16th February, 1852; an act to amend an act to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes, approved February 11th, 1850; an act relating to the Indians of Texas; joint resolution regarding mail service from the mouth of Red river to Huntsville; an act to incorporate the Gulf Coast and Austin City Railroad company; an act to amend an act entitled an act to establish the time of holding the courts in the first judicial district, approved February 8th, 1850, originating in the House of Representatives, which said bills were correctly enrolled, and this day submitted to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. McAnelly, the Senate adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.